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# SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SALES

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# Gift Suggestions

## BEUTIFULLY STYLED COATS

AT DECEMBER REDUCTION

A sale that is a Christmas gift in itself—including all our Coats. All prices represent big savings and nothing would please her more than a Coat for Christmas. Many colors—fur trimmed and tailored styles.

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You will be delighted with the models we are offering at immense price reductions during this Holiday Sale. They range in styles from pretty home Frocks to the street costume and include every Dress in the house.

## GLOVES

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\$1.00 A PAIR

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Just received a shipment of very good looking Sweaters. Blue, Orange, Green and Lavender plaids in Silk and Wool.

\$12.50 EACH

## NEW BAGS

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## HANDKERCHIEFS

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## THE TALE OF THE SPRUCE OF ALASKA

The following is the second article that B. T. McBain, pulp and paper plant expert, who visited Southeastern Alaska, including Juneau, last summer with B. L. Thane, has prepared for trade papers in the states. The first article was published in the Empire yesterday.

The second article says: Not many centuries ago, the ice fields of the Far North extended down and over that part of America's richest timber possession, now known as Alaska. The great glaciers still remaining are receding from year to year, and while now two or three of them can be reached from Juneau, within a few years they will be many miles inland, reached probably only by auto, or other means of transportation so rapidly being added to the pleasures of that District.

The nearer one gets to the glaciers the younger and smaller the spruce and other pulp trees, showing beyond a doubt that as they receded the winds have immediately needed the new territory to a crop of usefulness.

We hear of the Blue Spruce of the Eastern United States, but most of the people who at one time owned blue spruce forests East are now blue themselves because of the great waste in the cutting of the forests, and in the manufacture of the lumber in by-gone days.

Time and Necessity have moved the world Westward—it has always been so since time began, and will be so until eternity.

As the Eastern world moved westward the spruce of the middle west became available; it, too, in a large measure was wasted; it, too, is almost a thing of the past.

To the far West the movement was on. The Pacific States of Oregon and Washington were pioneered in the early 1890's by the Pulp and Paper fraternity, but quietly and without much publicity. It has only been of recent years that the truth and real facts, regarding the spruce, and fir woods of these two great states have become public property.

When Uncle Sam acts, he does so intelligently. He surveyed the whole Northwest Country and while doing so took note of the Natural

Resources. Bulletin 1241, published by the Department of Agriculture in connection with the Forestry Division tells many truths. Half of the timber wealth of the Nation remains in these two states and in Alaska.

While Alaska is to the far North, it is also Westward.

The pulp and paper making world must soon look to Alaska for a great part of its white paper supply.

The woods of Alaska are not many—practically only two—spruce and hemlock. These two species amount to 98 per cent of the total, some 99 or more billions of feet. One might say a solid block of pulp wood in just about the right proportions and running from 19 to 100 cords per acre, clear, clean, tall, straight, white, close-grained and wonderful pulp wood.

The Alaskan spruce is called Sitka spruce, but there is more of it and of better quality East of Sitka than immediately surrounding that port.

The Alaskan spruce was born for a future supply for the paper making world. It grows in a district with very little rainfall and very few forms of pestilence. Even the demon fire is almost an unknown factor in that region, the best conditions for perpetuity.

But what is best is that Uncle Sam owns the timber and will not sell it. Uncle Sam intends making Alaska a Timber Garden spot of the future for all generations. He will sell the crop as it ripens and as it is needed, but only as fast as it can be used, and used in Alaskan pulp and paper mills.

There are water powers on almost every large island, some naturally better than others. These have been surveyed and run-off records have been kept for many years. What can be done with them is known; it is not a guess. The records show facts, not guesses.

I have talked Alaska for many years with my friends; always they were the ones who had been there and I had to take their ideas and remarks for facts. Many had little good to say of that section.

I have been there; I have seen; I have learned for myself, having vis-

ited the power sites; having seen the records and maps; having learned to know Alaskan spruce and to appreciate this newest of American possessions, this most valuable of all our National Resources and Assets—pulp wood for the future.

Long may the Alaskan spruce live, and may her fame reach the length and breadth of the world and time.

## Sewing Trousers in French Prison, Hard Labor Task of Duty

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paler, clothed in a nondescript prison uniform, long brown coat, flap cap, wooden shoes, Clare presents a sharp contrast from the proud soldier whom the correspondent had visited in the citadel at Damascus last June.

"Morale" Not Impaired  
His morale is unimpaired, however, and he greeted his visitary with evident pleasure.

"Not so bad for a man who was reported executed last June," he replied to a query as to his health.

"You boys better go and walk in the sun," said the Alpine Chasseur, a little "Blue Devil" with fixed bayonet, patrolling the inner court. Within high walls and in a narrow strip of sunshine, the American Legionary and the correspondent walked back and forth for an hour, while the sentry studiously looked the other way.

Clare relished an American cigarette.

"Yes, I get plenty to eat," he said. "A big bowl of soup in the morning; a piece of meat, one pound of bread and a plate of vegetables at noon; another quart of soup at night. It isn't the Ritz hotel but I can't kick. It might have been daisies by the roots!"

Makes Three Pair A Day  
"What about the hard labor," he was asked.

Clare laughed outright. "Hard labor! Hard labor!" he repeated. "Do you know what I do? I am sewing trousers for the army. Some 'midnight' I never did my own sewing when I was in the Legion, simply couldn't handle a needle. And now I have to turn in three completed pairs of trousers a day. The best I can finish up is one pair and one leg and I am steadily falling behind. It

worries me. The needle is harder on the fingers than the trigger of the rifle.

"Gee but it feels funny to be doing woman's work. I certainly didn't expect this when I enlisted. I wanted to meet Mister Abd-el-Krim. I thought they were going to send me to Morocco but they found me another war just as good."

"Twas nothing, we couldn't very well run away from those birds," was all he would say of the deed that won for him the Croix de Guerre.

Captain Besancon later produced Clare's citations for valor.

Denies Was Afraid  
"I hope they don't think that I ran away because I was scared," Clare said suddenly. "I don't know what came over me. We hadn't gone two hours but I knew we had pulled a boner but it was too late to turn back. Palestine certainly did look to me like the Promised Land that evening."

Clare feels some anxiety about the disposition which will be made of him when, in conformity with Premier Poincare's program of economies, the military penitentiary here is closed December 31.

"I am worried lest I be sent to some civil prison with a lot of sneak thieves, pickpockets, burglars or hold-up men," he said. "I have committed no crime against society and I don't want to be penned up with real jailbirds."

Expects Early Freedom  
Captain Besancon informed Clare that he would probably be sent to a military prison either at Bordeaux or Marseilles.

"I have confidence in the sense of justice of the French Ministry of War," the prisoner said. "I can hardly think they will let me rot eight years in prison. I risked my

life several times for their cause and I feel sure that when this ballyhooing has subsided, they will edge me out of this quietly."

"Soup is ready, Clare," said the little Blue Devil sauntering up.

The big steel and iron gate swung nobly upon its heavy hinges and Clare disappeared into the sombre prison. Leaning his face against the bars Clare shouted as a farewell: "This is a great life, if you don't weaken."

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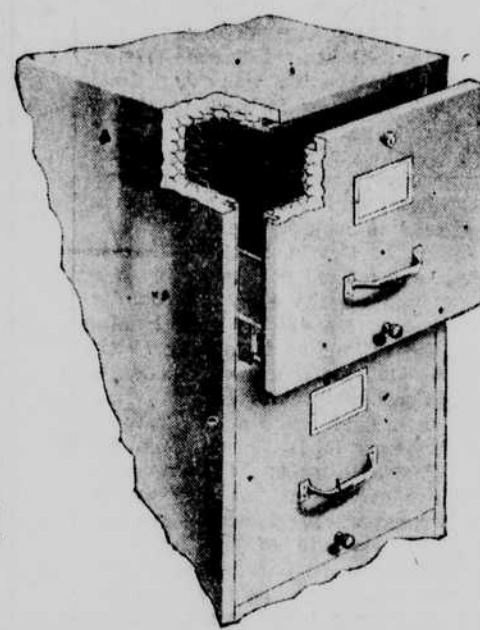
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